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1. SOVIET INTELLECTUAL CULINATE TODAY: WRITERS OF THE LIBERAL PERSUASION SEEM TO BE REGAINING SOME OF THE GROUND LOST IN LAST SPRINGS CULTURAL "EXPRESS." CONSERVATIVES ARE STILL VOCAL IN THEIR CRITICISM, AND KHRUSHCHEV APPEARS TO HAVE REVERTED TO A POSITION OF RELATIVE NEUTRALITY. (COP)

2. SOVIET MOTIVES IN CHALLENGING ALLIED BERLIN ACCESS: THE LATEST AUTOSAEM INCIDENT AS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT MOSCOW INTENDS TO CONTINUE HARASSING SELECTED CONVOYS TO OVERCOME ALLIED INDIFFERENCE TO ENGAGE IN A NEW ROUND OF DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS ON BROADENED QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN. BOTH TASS AND MOSCOW RADIO CLAIM THE INCIDENT WAS THE RESULT OF A

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"DULCIFERATE PROVOCATION." THE USSR APPARENTLY DESIRES TO AVOID THE RISK OF EVEN A LIMITED MILITARY CONFRONTATION.

3. CANADA: //THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING ITS DEFENSE POLICY WITH THE AIM OF ASSURING THAT CANADA'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS MORE COMMENSURATE WITH ITS POSITION AS A "WHOLE CLASS" POWER. THIS POLICY REVIEW IS OUTGROWTH OF MOUNTING UNEASINESS IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OVER GAP BETWEEN OTTAWA'S MILITARY COMMITMENTS AND RESOURCES TO CARRY THEM OUT. ALTHOUGH SOME CUTS IN EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN MADE AND MORE ARE EXPECTED, AN EARLY SHIFT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ACCEPT NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR US AND CANADIAN FORCES STATIONED IN CANADA IS UNLIKELY. IT MAY SEEK A GRACEFUL WAY OF GIVING UP A NUCLEAR ROLE ONCE THE F-104 AND BOMARC BECOME OBSOLETE.//

4. ITALY: THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS MARKING TIME, FOLLOWING PREMIER LEMMIS RESIGNATION AND PENDING PRESIDENT SIGHIS APPOINTMENT OF A PREMIER DESIGNATE PROBABLY 10 NOV. IF ALSO MORO SECRETARY OF CATHOLIC DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS APPOINTED THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A NEW CENTER LEFT GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY BE KNOWN BY THIRD WEEK NOV. HARD BARGAINING WITH THE SOCIALISTS IS IN

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PROSPECT. IRONING OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM HAS YET TO BE FACED UP TO. IMPROVING THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS IS THE POSITION OF THE CHURCH WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE TEMPERED SOMEWHAT ITS OPPOSITION TO A REGIME IN WHICH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND SOCIALISTS WOULD BE PARTNERS.

5. FINLAND: LONG FINNISH CABINET CRISIS ENDED 31 OCT WHEN PRESIDENT KARjalainen APPOINTED TWO AGRARIAN PARTY MEMBERS AND A NON-PARTY CIVIL SERVANT TO FILL POSTS VACATED BY THREE UNION REPRESENTATIVES WHO WITHDREW FROM THE CABINET LAST AUG IN PROTEST OVER A GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO RAISE PRICES. THIS MARKED A SWING TO THE RIGHT BY THE AGRARIANS WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD DECLARED THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CABINET WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES. INCUMBENT OFFICIALS HAVE RETAINED THEIR OLD CABINET POSTS, WHILE THE NEW ONES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO POSTS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE. ONE IDENTIFIED WITH THE AGRARIAN LEFTWING, BELONGS TO A SMALL FACTION WHICH ADVOCATES CONSISTENT PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT. (COMP)

6. COMMON MARKET: CURRENT MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS OF EEC COUNCIL AND AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MAY DETERMINE WHETHER BONN AND PARIS RIFT OVER A COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY IS DEEPENING INTO AN IRRECONCILABLE

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DISPUTE. ON KEY ISSUE OF GRAIN PRICES ATMOSPHERE IS SCARSELY
PROPOSITIONS FOR COMPROMISE. THE "SIMPLE" SOLUTION, TO FIX PRICES
SOMWHERE BETWEEN CURRENT LEVELS AND CRITICAL LEVELS, APPEARS TO
INTEREST NEITHER PARTY. REMAINING PROBLEMS ARE MESSY ONES.
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PROPOSAL SO COMPLEX THAT ITS FEASIBILITY IS QUESTIONABLE.

7. YEMEN: SAUDI ARABIA AGREED TO CONTINUE FINANCING THE UN OBSERVATION MISSION IN YEMEN UNTIL 6 JAN ONLY AFTER CROWN PRINCE FAISAL HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE UN WOULD EXERT STRONG PRESSURE ON EGYPT TO REMOVE ITS PART OF THE AGREEMENT. FAISAL HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL BE SATISFIED ONLY IF CAIRO QUICKLY WITHDRAWS ALL ITS TROOPS WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL MILITARY ADVISORY MISSION. HE PROBABLY DOUBTS THAT EGYPT WILL DO THIS, AND MAY BE PREPARING TO RESUME AID TO THE ROYALISTS AFTER THE UN MISSION LEAVES. SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT, FOR HIS PART, APPARENTLY REMAINS DETERMINED TO REDUCE UN INVOLVEMENT. HASIR IS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN 30,000 TO 32,000 TROOPS IN YEMEN BY ROTATING ARMY UNITS BETWEEN EGYPT AND YEMEN, AND APPARENTLY HAS

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MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN WORKING OUT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD PLACATE TRIBES NOW HOSTILE TO THE REPUBLICAN REGIME. HIS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A MORE SOCIALLY BASED GOVERNMENT MAY BE PARTIALLY STATED BY PREMIER SALAI'S RETURN TO CAIRO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOLLOWING A BRAVE ATTACK.

3. SYRIA-IRAQ: RUMORS OF FORMING POLITICAL UNION BETWEEN IRAQ AND SYRIA CONTINUE TO ARROSE IN BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE SAME OF SINCE THE LATE OCTOBER CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE BAATH PARTY. HARD-LINE BAATHISTS ^{DEDICATED} TO RAPID STEPS TOWARD SOCIALIZATION AND ARAB UNITY APPARENTLY DOMINATED THE PROCEEDINGS.// AND PARTY CO-FOUNDER SALAH BITAR, NOW PREMIER OF SYRIA, EVIDENTLY HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.// THE PARTY'S UNCOMPROMISING MANIFESTO HAS FURTHER ALIENATED TRADITIONAL POWER GROUPS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WITHOUT GAINING ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW ALIGNMENTS. CIVIL SERVANTS AND ARMY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN DEMORALIZED BY PURGES. MEANWHILE//PLANS TO SET UP A JOINT MILITARY COMMAND APPEAR TO BE MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY. SYRIAN TROOPS ARE IN IRAQ HELPING THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE KURDS.

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AND TALKS ARE UNDERWAY TO DRAW UP A "CHAPTER OF ECONOMIC UNITY" BETWEEN SYRIA AND IRAQ.//

D. JAPAN: PREMPTIVE STRIKE: IKEDA'S LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS ASSURED OF RETAINING 300 SEATS IN THE 467 SEAT ELECTIONS TO THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE DUST. SHOULD THE LDP ADD TO ITS SEAT TOTAL IN THE 467-MEMBER HOUSE, IKEDA WOULD BE IN A STRONG POSITION NEXT JULY TO WIN ELECTION TO A THIRD TERM AS PARTY PRESIDENT. THE LEFT IS HOPING TO CAPITALISE UPON DISSATISFACTION WITH THE IMA STICK THAT IS MARRING JAPAN'S GENERAL MODERATION. THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY, THE MAIN OPPOSITION FORCE, HAS PARTED COMPANY WITH THE COMMUNISTS WHO FAVOR PRIME MINISTER'S JEOPARDY. WEAPONS STAND, XII AND IS SEEKING TO RIDE THE SLOW LEFTWARD TREND IN JAPANESE VOTING HABITS TO WIN 10 MORE SEATS AND ACHIEVE BY ITSELF ONE-THIRD OF THE HOUSE MEMBERSHIP NECESSARY TO BLOCK CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. DESPITE THE SOCIALISTS' GROWING MODERATION, THEY REMAIN OPPOSED TO IKEDA'S CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE US.

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10. MOROCCO-ALGERIA THE CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA BECAME EFFECTIVE ON 4 NOV WHEN A MALIAN OBSERVER REACHED THE BATTLE LINES AT FIGOUT. ALGERIA'S FORCES THERE HAD CONTINUED THEIR ACTION FOR TWO DAYS AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE WAS TO HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT. THE FREE FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER BOUAFIDINE WAS DIRECTING THE ALGERIAN OPERATIONS. BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE LIFTING UP THEIR SUPPORT PREPARATORY TO A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY CONVENE IN ADDIS ABABA IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. APPARENTLY NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD HOLDING A MEETING OF THE FOUR-MEMBER (ALGERIA, MOROCCO, ETHIOPIA, AND MALI) COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT TO SET UP A DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES. HOWEVER, AND THE BUILDUP ON BOTH SIDES IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE. ON THE ALGERIAN DOMESTIC FRONT, BEN SSELLA REPORTEDLY HAS MET WITH LEADERS OF THE EASTLIS DISSIDENTS IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AN ACCOMMODATION.

11. TURKEY: LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 17 NOV WILL BE PROVIDE THE FIRST TEST OF THE PARTIES' POPULAR STRENGTH SINCE 1961, AND MAY

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12. SOON AFTER, THE GOVERNMENT ONE COMMENCED THE DIS-

TRIP OF 47 DAYS DURING WHICH THEY WERE MILITARY SOURCE.

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A LAIRLY CIVILIAN CABINET HAS BEEN APPOINTED, BUT THE MILITARY CLEARLY INTEND TO HOLD THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT. GENERALS OCCUPY THE POSTS OF DEFENSE, SECURITY, AND INFORMATION, AND A MILITARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL BUDONG VAN "BIG" MINH IS VESTED WITH SUPREME EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY WITH THE CHARACTER OF A SUPRACABINET. THE GENERALS HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME TROUBLE DEALING WITH AMBITIOUS POLITICIANS JOCKYING FOR POSTS, AND ARE VACUUM ABOUT HOW LONG MILITARY RULE WILL LAST. MANY CIVILIANS AND GENERALS ARE UNHAPPY AT THE PROMINENCE OF MAJOR GENERAL TON THAT BIGH, THE NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR OF SAIGON AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY. HE IS CONSIDERED OPPORTUNISTIC, HIGHLY AMBITIOUS, AND IRRATIONAL: TWO OF HIS FORMER SUBORDINATES HAVE BEEN NAMED AS COMMANDERS OF THE MILITARY CORPS AREAS SURROUNDING SAIGON. THE VIET CONG HAVE STEPPED UP SMALL SCALE HARASSING ATTACKS IN THE DELTA SINCE THE COUP.

13. GREECE: THE NARROW UPSET ELECTION VICTORY BY GEORGE PAPANDREOU'S CENTER UNION MAY LEAD TO AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN GREECE. PAPANDREOU, WITH 140 OUT OF

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300 SEATS, IS TRYING TO ORGANIZE A GOVERNMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO KING PAUL ON 8 NOVEMBER. //SINCE MILITARY LEADERS REPORTEDLY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE PARTICIPATION BY THE SMALL PRO-COMMUNIST UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT (30 SEATS) //, PARASANLIS IS OBLIGED TO SEEK THE ADDITIONAL 50 OR 60 VOTES HE NEEDS TO FORM A WORKING MAJORITY ENTIRELY FROM THE NATIONAL RADICAL UNION (150 SEATS) OF FORMER FRONTIER PARASANLIS. PARASANLIS IS LIKELY TO DEMAND STYLISHING CONCESSIONS BEFORE ALLOWING HIS FOLLOWERS TO PARTICIPATE, AND PARASANLIS WILL SEEK TO DETACH SOME OF THEM BY THE LENGTH OF GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AND FAVORS. MILITARY LEADERS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE A LARGER ROLE BY MAKING THEIR WISHES FELT IN RESPECT TO PROPOSED CABINET MEMBERS AND AS WELL AS AGAINST ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD LEAN ON COMMUNISTS. THE PALACE'S DECISIVE ROLE IN RESOLVING THE CRISIS MAY TEMPORARILY STEM ITS LONG-TERM DECLINE IN INFLUENCE.

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